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SUBJECT: ACTIVITIES OF DR. EMIL ONACA

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1. MOST RECENT VISIT BY ONACA TO ROMANIA OF WHICH EMBASSY IS AWARE OCCURRED IN OCTOBER 1974. ONACA AT THAT TIME DISCUSSED IN VAGUE TERMS WITH ECONOMIC COUNSELOR BRAMANTE VISIT BY DELEGATION OF HIGH-RANKING ROMANIAN OFFICIALS TO UNITED STATES, WHICH ONACA CLAIMED TO BE ARRANGING. ROMANIANS HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF VISIT, NOR DID VISIT MATERIALIZE.

2. ONACA ACTIVELY PROMOTED HIMSELF AS INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN AMERICAN BUSINESS AND ROMANIAN OFFICIALS, BUT WITH LIMITED SUCCESS. TYPICALLY HE WOULD SEEK APPOINTMENTS WITH HIGH ROMANIAN OFFICIALS AND SOMETIMES LEAVE THEM WITH IMPRESSION HE REPRESENTED LARGE AMERICAN COMPANIES OR WAS CONNECTED WITH EMBASSY. EMBASSY UNAWARE OF ANY ROLE ONACA MAY HAVE PLAYED IN OFFSHORE COMPANY PROJECT.

3. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH REPEAT REF C TO BUDAPEST.

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